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Subject: Comments on the proposed final judgment in the Microsoft case

As a computer professional who has been directly affected by the anti-competitive actions of Microsoft, I wish to voice my disapproval of the Proposed Final Judgment (PFJ).

Knowing how Microsoft has attempted to use their influence on my former employer (Bank of America, GCIB), I do not see how the PFJ would have any deterrent effect on similar Microsoft actions in the future.

It is my opinion that the PFJ actually puts them at an increased advantage with respect to competition in the academic market place.

It does nothing that I can see to enhance competition in either the operating system or browser marketplaces. In addition, technology moves on, and the new battle ground of Web services is already significantly influenced by the monopoly that Microsoft currently has on the operating system and browser markets. Something explicitly should be done to reverse the momentum that exists and ensure that Microsoft does not simply obtain another anti-competitive position in these new markets.

Sincerely,
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